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Federal Bureau of Investigation Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM:

Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT:

Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation

This Agency is extremely interested in developments concerning the proposed mock trials of President Johnson, and Secretaries Rusk and McNamara, among others, scheduled to be held in Paris in November under the sponsorship of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation of London. So far, a number of judges have been named to participate, including Jean Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, and a public invitation (which we believe has been declined) was extended to Stokely Carmichael of SNCC. The Russell Foundation directors, who include the American nationals Ralph Benedek Schoenman, David Horowitz and Russell Stetler, are actively engaged in trial preparations and Stetler, in particular recently traveled to the United States to develop plans for American representation. Russell's proposal for such a trial was outlined in the New York magazine Liberation.

2. This Agency would very much appreciate any information you may be able to furnish concerning preparations for American participation in these trials. We are specifically curious concerning:

a. rumors that an American travel agency is attempting to arrange travel tours for American observers to the trial;

b. any information concerning the selection of American judges for these proceedings; and

c. the activities of Russell Stetler in the United States during his visit in the beginning of August, if this is available.

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